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G20 Trade Ministers' Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions

We, the G20 Trade Ministers, who met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 30 and October 1, 2026, discussed our serious, shared concerns regarding the weaponization of food, by which governments take targeted actions to slow, stop, block, or direct the trade of food, agricultural products, and agricultural inputs in order to exert coercive pressure to extract unrelated geopolitical concessions.

The weaponization of food threatens livelihoods in targeted countries, undermines the functioning of and confidence in international markets and the global trading system, distorts competition to the detriment of producers and consumers, and harms relations among countries. Coercive actions can disrupt specific agricultural and food supply chains, threatening food security, particularly for vulnerable populations, and livelihoods of producers.

We recognize, and are concerned with, the many ways governments can weaponize food, agricultural products, and agricultural inputs through a range of formal or informal measures that may affect exports or imports. Such actions, taken in an abusive, or pretextual manner, can be disguised as legitimate regulatory or public policy measures unrelated to the coercive geopolitical objectives they are intended to advance.

We affirm that our concerns do not apply to measures that are adopted and maintained in a transparent manner in respect of relevant international rules and norms, and advance legitimate domestic public policy objectives, including with respect to food security.

We condemn food weaponization, as it poses a significant humanitarian and economic threat.